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Friday, November 14, 2008

International Education Week

The celebrations for the [International Education Week](#) (IEW) 2008 begin Monday, November 17, and continue all next week ending with the International Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, November 23. Come and be a part of our various panels, discussions, lectures and movie screenings. This is a great opportunity to socialize and network with fellow international and American students while enjoying good food and great intellectual discourse.

Overview: The IEW kicks off on ***Monday*** with a panel discussion on international waters with professors and graduate students from SUNY ESF. A second panel composed of professors from the Maxwell School will discuss the world economy and its effect on international sustainability agreements. The discussions and panels on ***Tuesday*** are devoted to issues international student face on a foreign campus and the special needs of international students belonging to the LGBT community.

The focus on ***Wednesday*** shifts to health with a movie screening and discussion of the movie [Sicko](#).

All the above events are accompanied by a small reception, which includes refreshments.

IEW goes artistic on ***Thursday*** with a short lecture and exhibition by the Argentinean artist Paula Litenberger. The English Language Institute (ELI) will host International Evening with food provided by AppeThaizing.

On ***Friday***, join us for this year’s final Mix-It-Up at the Slutzker Center. The meeting will include a screening of the movie [Persepolis](#) and lots of popcorn. *Persepolis* was nominated and chosen by you, the readers, as the international movie to be screened during the IEW.

And finally, the International Thanksgiving Dinner serves as the grand finale for IEW 2008. Please note that the Thanksgiving Dinner is only for students (and family members) who hold tickets for the dinner.

Date: Monday, November 17 – Friday November 21
Time: Various, see [flyer](#)
Location: Various, although most events are at the Slutzker Center. See [flyer](#) for more information.

LGBTQ Events

SU offers discussions and lectures tailored to address contemporary issues facing the gay community. The first lecture includes LGBTQ issues in communities of color on Tuesday November 18, while on Wednesday-Thursday, November 19-20, Prof. Sara Ahmed discusses her work about how differences, otherness, and strangeness become 'properties' of bodies and spaces over time. Thursday, November 20 is also observed as *Transgender Day of Remembrance* to commemorate the lives lost as a result of violence against the transgender community, while Planet Orange holds its regular Monday meeting discussion gender and sexuality. During our very own International Education Week, a panel looks into what it means to belong to that smallest of small minorities, members of the international LGBTQ community.

Planet Orange: A Gender and Sexuality Discussion Group
Date: Monday, November 17
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: LGBT Resource Center, 750 Ostrom Ave.
[More Information...](#)

LGBTQ Issues in Communities of Color
Date: Tuesday, November 18
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: 500 Hall of Languages
[More Information...](#)

Happiness and Queer Politics: Sara Ahmed
Date: Wednesday, November 19
Time: 4:45 p.m
Location: **220**, Eggers Hall
[More Information...](#)
also
Date: Thursday, November 20
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Writing Program Lounge, 239 HBC
[More Information...](#)

Transgender Day of Remembrance
Date: Thursday, November 20
Time: All day
Location: TBD
[More Information...](#)

Latin Percussion Classes: Westcott

Learn all forms of Latin percussion from instructor and music director Eudy Fernandez of Cuba. Classes meet every Friday, starting November 14 between 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Seven Rays Bookstore, on Westcott Street. The cost is \$12 per class or \$60 for 6 classes. Drop-ins are welcome. Popular Latin rhythms that will be taught include: Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Chachacha, Bolero, Dengue, Guaracha, Songo, Charanga, Pilon, Mozambique, Comparsa. You might also want to learn Cuban folkloric rhythms like Guaguanco, Yambu, Columbia, and more. These classes require no experience or equipment since the organizers provide the drums. For more registration and more information email lafamilia@twcny.rr.com.

Date: Every Friday, beginning November 14

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: Seven Rays Bookstore, 508 Westcott St.

For registration and more information contact lafamilia@twcny.rr.com.

Approved University Breaks for Full-Time On-Campus Employment

Please be aware that there are only three University breaks during which students may work full-time on-campus (Winter Break; Spring Break; and Summer Break). Thanksgiving break is not included on this list; thus students may not exceed 20 hours of on-campus employment during Thanksgiving week (this would be considered a violation of immigration status). Additional information including the exact dates of authorization is available [online](#).

Thanksgiving/Winter Break Plans: Daily Travel Seminars November 17 - December 23

Due to the high volume of students traveling outside of the United States at this time of the year, the Slutzker Center will offer additional Travel Seminars.

From November 17th through the December 23rd, seminars will be held every business day at the Slutzker Center. When you come for the seminar, please make sure to **bring your original I-20/DS-2019, passport, visa, I-94 card, and proof of health insurance**. Your health insurance should contain medical evacuation and repatriation. If it does not, you must purchase the supplemental MedEx policy, which costs \$25/person/year.

Monday-12:00 p.m.

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.

Wednesday-12:00 p.m.

Thursday-11:00 a.m.

Friday-12:00 p.m.

Meanwhile if you are planning to travel within or outside the U.S. as early as Thanksgiving, visit SUNY Binghamton's [travel guide](#). Or visit the Slutzker Center's [seminar page](#) and click on "travel seminar."

Extra Practical Training Seminars

There will also be additional practical training seminars for those students who are unable to attend at the regular time periods.

Date: November 26 and December 10

Time: CPT Seminar – 3:00 p.m.

OPT Seminar – 3:45 p.m.

Ethical Academic Behavior: Lecture by David Callahan

David Callahan, the author of "The Cheating Culture: Why More Americans Are Doing Wrong to Get Ahead" will speak at Syracuse University on Tuesday, November 28 in Hendrick's Chapel to speak. A book signing will follow the lecture.

He will address the economic and political trends that are helping fan the cheating culture, recent trends surrounding academic integrity, and the role of students in working to create a fairer, more honest society.

This event will be beneficial to all students. International students will find it of a special value, as it will provide more in-depth information about honest and ethical academic behavior from the American standpoint that might be different from other countries of the world. Callahan's speech is a great way to learn more about how to avoid unintentional cheating that many foreign students might face during their academic career in the United States.

Please contact [Academic Integrity Office](#) with any questions.

Date: November 18, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Hendricks Chapel

[For more information.](#)

Insomnia Cookies will be served.

Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting: Deadline December 12

(modified from organizer note)

Space is filling up quickly for the second Annual Meeting of Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) being held at The University of Texas at Austin, February 13-15, 2009. The early decision deadline is November 7, 2008. Attending CGIU is free. Travel assistance is available for those who qualify. The final application deadline is December 12, 2008. However, applications are being processed on a rolling basis so please apply as soon as possible.

Date: February 13-15, 2009

Application Deadline: December 12, 2008

Location: University of Texas at Austin

To apply online and for more information visit [CGIU's Website](#). Or Join their [Facebook group](#).

Hosted by President Clinton and The University of Texas at Austin, the 2009 meeting will focus on education, energy & climate change, global health, peace & human rights, and poverty alleviation. All attendees will make a Commitment to Action - a concrete measure to make a difference within any of these five areas.

Student Civic Engagement Award: Deadline December 12

The MacJannet Foundation and the Talloires Network, of which Syracuse University is a member, have announced a competition for the first-ever MacJannet Prize to promote student civic engagement and community service. The award recognizes exceptional student initiatives based in universities around the world and contributes financially to their public service efforts.

The winning student initiative or program should creatively address an important social issue that is local, national or global in scope (for example, poverty, health, education or peace). Special consideration will be given to programs that have potential to be replicated in other locations, promote long-term sustainability, demonstrate social, economic and environmental benefits to local communities, and encourage innovation.

One first-place prize of \$5,000 will be awarded, along with two second-place prizes of \$2,500 each and five third-place prizes of \$1,000 each.

Nominations are due Dec. 15. Finalists will be notified by Jan. 21, 2009, with awards announced in Talloires, France, in June 2009. Anyone can nominate a program, including his or her own.

Deadline: December 12, 2008

Award: \$5,000 first place.

[For details or to nominate a program](#)

For more information visit the [MacJannet Foundation](#) and the [Talloires Network](#)